Rise in real estate prices

3629. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are monitoring the steep increase in real estate rates in metro and non-metro cities; if so, the details of the last three eyars;

(b) whether Government consider such trends as abnormal;

(c) whether it is a fact that the RBI in its recent Credit Policy had rated the real estate sector as enhanced risk for Bank Credit purposes; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to correct the rise in real estate prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) This Ministry is not monitoring the steep increase in real estate rates in metro and non-metro cities.

(c) and (d) In July, 2005, the Reserve Bank had increased the risk weight on exposures to commercial real estate from 100 per cent to 125 per cent. Given the continued rapid expansion in credit to this sector, RBI has increased the risk weight to 150 per cent in its recent credit policy. The bank has initiated these measures as a precaution so as to prevent over exposure in one sector.

Schemes for unemployed youths

†3630. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes formulated for providing employment to unemployed youths;

(b) the number of unemployed persons benefitied by these schemes during the last two years, State-wise; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.